

Happenings in Missouri.

Convicts Happy for a Day.

The fourth of July at the state penitentiary was the most gala day in the history of the institution this year, it being one of the two national holidays observed at the state's big boarding house. All of the shops were closed and all labor was suspended, and the convicts enjoyed a day of rest, replete with entertainment of all descriptions. The freedom of the quadrangle between the cell buildings, covering several acres, was given up to the men, who arranged many kinds of amusements in the inclosed space. There were running matches, sparring, horse-step-and-jump, games, leap frog and baseball, while there were dozens of booths where pies and cakes, lemonade and root beer were sold by convicts, who had interested their small means with an idea of doubling their money. There were also many kinds of games of chance offered by the convicts to their fellow inmates, such as chuck-a-luck, roulette, craps, etc., where the negro convicts shown as stars of the first magnitude and revel in their own glory. The feature of the celebration was the big dinner set by Warden Woodruff for the convicts. There was a sumptuous spread and corresponding happiness in all quarters at the feast. The dinner consisted of boiled and sliced ham, mashed potatoes, brown, boiled and raw cabbage, onions, boiled and raw, bread and butter, followed by lemonade and ginger snaps. The quantities required to set this spread were enormous, and are as follows: 3,100 pounds of ham; 1,300 pounds of ginger snaps; 10 bushels of onions; 60 bushels of potatoes; 420 pounds of cabbage; 240 pounds of butter; one barrel of vinegar; 240 dozen lemons, and eight barrels of flour.

It's a Great Industry.

W. F. Shelton, banker and capitalist of Kennett, says of the new industry in southeast Missouri: "It is a well-known fact that the swamps of southeast Missouri produce the largest and finest frogs on earth. For years the epicures of St. Louis and other cities have demanded the Missouri frog, thereby building up a profitable business for the fishermen and frog-catchers of our section. It has been customary to ship the frogs to market alive crated up something like chickens, the fact that some of them are almost as large as hens making this quite feasible. The industry has grown to little less than mammoth proportions and the festive frog is only second to the Missouri mule as a wealth producer in southeast Missouri, the hen having dropped to third place.

Indian Sepoys an Attraction.

Twenty Sepoys, members of King Edward's native army in India, in military uniform, participated in the Fourth of July parade at Lathrop. It was the first time in history that East India subjects of England have joined in commemoration of American independence. Fifteen thousand persons viewed the unique attraction. These Sepoys are at Lathrop under Maj. Gaugh, of the English army, purchasing Missouri mules for military use in India.

Money for the Public Schools.

There will be \$1,740,311 for distribution to the various counties of the state for the public schools, as compared with \$1,005,029 last year, an increase of nine cents per child. The enrollment is smaller this year than last, due to the drought of last summer.

Death Rather Than Surgeon's Knife.

Mrs. William Shadlin, wife of a farmer near Palmyra, was told by her physicians that her life could be saved by an operation, but that without it her case was hopeless. She stated that she preferred death to the surgeon's knife and could not be persuaded to submit to an operation.

Stray Bullet Killed Mrs. Larose.

Mrs. Larose, the wife of a well-known citizen of Flat River, was shot and killed by a stray bullet from the pistol of some one who was celebrating. The woman was standing in her yard watching a display of fireworks.

Married on the Speaker's Stand.

At the Fourth of July celebration in Wellsville considerable amusement was afforded by a Mr. Evans and Miss Davis being married on the speaker's stand at the picnic grounds, winning a prize of \$25 offered by a local firm.

Couldn't Speak English.

Mrs. Anna Koch, an old German woman who died at Gallatin a few days ago, had lived in the United States 20 years without learning to speak a word of English.

Water 18 Inches Deep.

Horses were not exercised on the race track at Sedalia for a few days last week, for the sufficient reason that the water on the track was 18 inches deep.

To Disorganize the County.

One plan which has been suggested to solve the St. Clair bond problem is to disorganize the county. If this scheme should be adopted the county would be divided, a part of it being added to each of its neighbors.

He'll Explain to the Court.

Ben Shipper pushed a revolver loaded with blank cartridges into the face of Miratro Piro and pulled the trigger. Piro will lose his eyesight and Shipper will make explanations in the criminal court.

Complaints to Gov. Dockery.

Complaints have been made to Gov. Dockery concerning the management of the home for ex-convicts, located at Higginsville. The claim is made that the inmates of the home have food of poor quality and insufficient in quantity.

On a Paying Basis.

The sixth annual meeting of the Carthage Chautauque, which closed Sunday, was the most successful held. It is now on a permanent

Starting Many Small Banks.

As an indication that there is money to move crops, it can be stated that a number of country banks have been incorporated within the past ten days, and the farmers are not likely to experience any difficulty in obtaining money. There are among the banks just incorporated: Bank of Creighton, Creighton; capital, \$10,000. Exchange bank, Excelsior Springs; capital, \$10,000. Adrain State bank, Adrain; capital, \$20,000. Bank of Woodruff, Woodruff; capital, \$10,000. Bank of Ewing, Ewing; capital, \$10,000. Bank of Senath, Senath; capital, \$10,000. Bank of Orrick, Orrick; capital, \$10,000. Besides these small banks, the Manchester bank, of St. Louis, with a capital of \$100,000, has been organized.

Bright for the State Fair.

The directors of the Missouri state fair met at Sedalia and decided to add two races to the programme previously announced. The first will be a 2-11 pace, not less than eight entries, for a \$400 purse, and the second a three-year-old trot, not less than six entries, for a \$200 purse. It was also decided to erect a frame grand stand to seat 2,000 people, in addition to the steel grand stand already erected, with a seating capacity of 5,000. The board further decided to have several sales of stock during fair week, August 18 to 23. All of the directors reported increased interest in their respective sections and Secretary Rippey feels confident last year's attendance will be more than doubled.

Good Thing for Carrollton.

The Carrollton Water, Light & Railway company has been organized by Carrollton and St. Louis parties, and has bought the Carrollton water-works, the electric light plant and the electric railway. All of the companies have for some time been operated from one power house and the consolidation is made by local parties to increase the earning capacity of the properties. The capital is \$100,000, all paid.

Left a "Trade Mark" Behind.

Five strangers entered the express office at Blackwell and robbed the safe. They beat the night operator, J. H. Johnson, until he was insensible. They then cut a cash nine inches long across his breast, saying that it was their trade mark. They then shot the station clock to pieces and demolished the furniture around the building. Johnson may die.

Supposed Horse Thieves Captured.

Two men were brought to Thayer from Oklahoma by Sheriff Davis. They are Fred Milner and Recar Bogges, who are believed to be members of a gang of horse thieves who have been actively operating in south Missouri. Another supposed member of the gang was arrested a few days ago and placed in jail at Alton.

Hitchcock for the Senate.

A recent dispatch from Washington said: "State Chairman Atkins is in Washington. It is understood that, in the event the republicans elect the legislature this fall, Secretary Hitchcock will be boomed by Mr. Atkins for the senate, and it is said that his talks with the secretary will touch upon this contingency."

While Performing Errand of Mercy.

Charles Dickens, a young man living near Abo, Leake county, was drowned in the Gasconade river while attempting to remove some horses to a safe place for a widow named Ballinger. He swam across the river and rescued the horses, and started to swim back, but went down before he reached the bank.

Youth Fell to His Death.

Jesse C. Stager, an employee of Swift & Co., at St. Joseph, fell from the third story window of the Idlewild house and broke his neck, dying instantly. His parents reside at Breckenridge.

Attempted to Pass Raised Bill.

Fate Holmes, a youth living near West Plains, was arrested for attempting to pass a bill on T. F. Powell, a bankers' merchant. The bill had been raised from \$1 to \$10.

Saved \$5,000 From Her Washbub.

Although she lived a life of poverty, Mrs. Frances Phillips, 60 years old, a negro woman of Carthage, died wealthy having amassed more than \$5,000, all made over the washbub.

The Governor at Centralia.

Gov. A. M. Dockery was the Fourth of July orator at Centralia, where an elaborate programme was carried out, including a night display of fireworks.

Boy Lost an Eye.

Edwin Grimshaw, aged nine, lost his left eye at Sedalia by the explosion of a cannon firecracker.

To Connect Joplin and Pittsburg.

Capt. Frank Moore, of Joplin, projector of the Mineral City Electric railway, to connect Joplin with Pittsburg, Kan., has gone east to order machinery for the line which he expects to have in operation within a year.

Pioneer Missouri Woman Dead.

Mrs. Angeline Boder, aged 85, who came to St. Joseph in 1840 from Louisville, Ky., and whose family has been prominent in north Missouri history, is dead.

Ill Health Made Him Despondent.

Theodore Corum, a prominent farmer and the leading stockman of Cooper county, committed suicide at his home near Bellair by cutting his throat. He has been in bad health for some time.

To Succeed Themselves.

Gov. Dockery has appointed the following members of the state board of health to succeed themselves: Drs. E. Lee Standley, of St. Louis; D. T. Powell, of Thayer, and J. A. B. Adcock, of Warrensburg.

THE TARIFF AND DEMOCRACY.

A Glance Backward at the Past Efforts of the Party to Lay Off the Duties.

Now that the democratic leaders are turning to tariff reform again, a letter, which has just been published, written by Mr. Cleveland, then president, to the late W. L. Wilson, then chairman of the ways and means committee, possesses considerable interest, says the Washington Star. It is dated August 13, 1894, immediately after the house had been forced to surrender to the senate in the matter of the Wilson-tariff bill. Wrote Mr. Cleveland:

"I suppose a man very much distressed and disappointed may write a word of sympathy to another in like situation. We both hoped and wrought for better things, but now that we know our fate, I shall not let a moment pass before I acknowledge the great and unselfish work you have done in an attempt to bring about an honest and useful result. Much has been developed which has shocked and surprised you and me, and I have within the last hour found myself questioning whether or not our party is a tariff reform party. This, however, is only temporary, and such feeling is quickly followed by my old trust in democratic doctrines and the party which professes them."

"But I only intend to express my sympathy with you and my gratitude for the fight you have made for real, genuine tariff reform. I hope now that you will be mindful of yourself and that you will try and repair a strained mental and physical condition by immediate care and rest."

It has always been claimed by the friends of Mr. Gorman, who super-

SOUND IN ESSENTIALS.

A Stable Administration, Personal Freedom and Justice Assured the Filipinos.

The house has again abdicated in favor of the senate. The result of the conference on the Philippine bill is a compromise in which the senate makes a few immaterial concessions to secure the assent of the representatives to the principal clauses in the Lodge bill. The date of the establishment of an assembly to be elected by the Filipinos is set, but at a time which the senate bill substantially provided. The house would not agree to the coinage by the Philippine government of a coinage on a silver basis, and the senate would not consent to a gold standard. The conference agreed that the silver standard should continue, with the Mexican and Spanish coins at present in circulation, which differ from the currency proposed by the senate only by the mint mark on the dollars. The senate receded from its position as to the amount of government land which may be sold to an individual or corporation, but the multitudinous mining regulations, which might have been better left to the commission, are to be included in the so-called compromise measure, says the Chicago Tribune.

Except in regard to the establishment of a native assembly the compromise bill contains most of the defects of both measures. Judge Taft recommended that government lands be made salable in large quantities to

THROUGH THE TELESCOPE.

The Heart-Breaking Experience of an English Soldier at the Siege of Ladysmith.

When the Boers besieged Ladysmith they permitted a "camp of refuge" and a field hospital to be established at Intombi, a few miles distant. Here the noncombatants were gathered. And to the hospital, writes George Lynch in the London Daily Express, came every morning the train from Ladysmith, bearing its burden of sick and wounded. To the dwellers at Intombi that train brought the history of the siege, the daily bulletin written in blood and disease. Women who had husbands and brothers and sons in Ladysmith crowded round it always to see what news it brought, and went away with a sigh of respite and relief when it carried nothing for them.

And yet, after a fashion, these women at Intombi were more fortunate than the men in Ladysmith, since they could learn from the new arrivals how their loved ones fared. But men were not allowed to go backward and forward to Intombi, those who wanted to remain; and somehow or other little or no news seemed to reach the garrison.

In the dearth of news one man in Ladysmith had arranged that twice a week, when he could get off duty, his wife in Intombi should go at 12 o'clock and stand in front of a big marquee where he could see her through the ship's telescope at the 4.7 battery. She went there regularly with her child, and straining her eyes toward that sandbagged point above Convent hill, sometimes fondly imagined that she could see him. And as the months passed her child, like the others in the camp, grew more sickly, thin and pale, till it seemed as if the Erl King spirit of the miasmic fog had wrapped it round and entered it, and made it a changeling of its own.

But delicate as the child was, the mother was the first to fall sick, and the news of her illness reached her husband by his seeing one tiny figure standing alone at the appointed place, waving a handkerchief. And there came a day when it, too, was no longer to be seen. He could not go to them, but had to stay and fight on with bitterness in his heart.

His Mother Cut His Hair.

I knew a small boy in a Maryland village, near the city, who belongs to a doting mother. She kept him in picture clothes till his spirit was broken, and she made him wear long curls until he was ashamed to be seen. Even when the boy's father announced that the curls had to go, the tearful mother couldn't bear to have a brutal barber touch him. She cut his hair herself. The haircut completed the work of wrecking the boy's manhood. When he slunk into Sunday school a few weeks ago it happened that the lesson was about Samson. The teacher read the story of the treacherous woman who cut the hair of the mighty man, and how, when his enemies came to take him he was as gentle as a lamb in their hands. Young Robert Graham Ellmore So-and-So listened attentively.

"Now," said the teacher, "can any of you tell me why Samson did not try to get away from his enemies?"

There was a dead silence till the long-pent-up bitterness of young Robert Graham Ellmore So-and-So found expression in speech.

"I know," he said. "He was 'shamed to be seen because a woman cut his hair 'stead of a barber. Ma cut mine.'"

Washington Post.

Answered in Kind.

The late Dr. Talmage used to tell this as one of his favorite stories: "I was riding in a Brooklyn horse car one day when a very large woman got on. As she went to sit down, the space not being any too much, she overlapped some, and I heard a man on one side mutter under his breath: 'I didn't expect to see you in these cars.' Immediately the woman jumped up, and, gesticulating wildly in the direction of the rear platform, shouted: 'Conductor! Conductor! There's an elephant and a hog in this car, and the elephant wants to get out.'"

One on the Judge.

One of our most famous judges was driving to his court one morning in his brougham, when an accident happened to it in Grosvenor square. Fearing he would be belated, he called a cab from an adjacent cab rank, and bade the jehu drive him as rapidly as possible to the courts of justice.

"And where be they?"

"What! A London cabby and don't know that the law courts are near old Temple bar?"

"Oh! The law courts is it? You bid 'ourts of justice.'"—London Tit-Bits.

THE GENERAL MARKETS.

Kansas City, July 10.
CATTLE—Beef steers \$4.00 @ 5.00
Native stockers 3.50 @ 4.50
Texas and Indian steers 3.25 @ 4.25
HOGS 5.00 @ 5.75
SHEEP 4.00 @ 4.50
WHEAT—No. 2 hard, new 71 @ 72 1/2
No. 2 red, new 70 @ 71 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed 42 @ 43
OATS—No. 2 mixed, new 42 @ 43
RYE—No. 2 45 @ 46
FLOUR—Hard wheat patents 3.45 @ 3.75
Soft wheat patents 3.20 @ 3.75
HA—Timothy 4.00 @ 4.50
Prairie 3.50 @ 4.00
BRAN 74 @ 75
BUTTER—Choice to fancy 18 @ 19 1/2
EGGS 14 @ 15
CHEESE—Full cream 10 @ 11
POTATOES—Choice 40 @ 45

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CATTLE—Beef steers 4.00 @ 7 1/2
Texas steers 3.50 @ 4.50
HOGS—Butchers 7.50 @ 8.25
SHEEP—Butchers 3.00 @ 3.75
FLOUR—Red winter patents 3.55 @ 3.75
WHEAT—No. 2 red, new 70 1/2 @ 71 1/2
CORN—No. 2 42 @ 43
OATS—No. 2 42 @ 43
RYE 45 @ 46
BUTTER—Creamery 17 @ 18 1/2
DRY SALT MEATS 11.00 @ 11 1/2
BACON 11.50 @ 12 1/2

CHICAGO.
CATTLE—Beef steers 4.20 @ 5.00
HOGS—Mixed and butchers 7.20 @ 8.00
SHEEP—Western 2.50 @ 3.50
FLOUR—Spring patents 3.50 @ 3.75
WHEAT—No. 2 red, new 71 @ 72 1/2
CORN—No. 2 42 @ 43
OATS—No. 2 42 @ 43
RYE 45 @ 46
BUTTER—Creamery 17 @ 18 1/2
DRY SALT MEATS 11.00 @ 11 1/2
BACON 11.50 @ 12 1/2

NEW YORK.
CATTLE—Beef steers 3.25 @ 3.75
HOGS 5.20 @ 5.75
SHEEP 4.20 @ 4.75
WHEAT—No. 2 70 1/2 @ 71 1/2
CORN—No. 2 42 @ 43
OATS—No. 2 42 @ 43

CRAZED BY PING-PONG.

The Victim Had His Flings-Pong with His Little Sing-Song, Ring-Rong, Ding-Dong.

"Hello, Jinks! Why, I haven't seen you for several weeks. How's your health?" "Poorly; every little thing seems to affect me lately. Well, at any rate, you are looking like a king-kong."

"Feeling that way, except for a slight touch of spring-fever?"

"Yes, spring-sprong always affects me, too; makes my head ring-rong."

"What in thunder is the matter with you, old man, the way you're got to talking?"

"Nothing thing," said Jinks, making a swinging movement of his arm through empty air, as his friend backed away in amazement and alarm, relate the Kansas City Independent.

"I hear that you have become a great devotee to the fashionable fad of table tennis."

"Yes," he said, widely, "I like to have my fling-pong and enjoy the new sing-song of the game of ping-pong at every request's swinging while the table tennis sphere is on the wing-pong—I know that game's the thing-thing."

Gently the keeper from the asylum led him away to his padded cell, the first victim of the omnipresent game of ping-pong.

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A little knowledge is only dangerous when one is contented with it.—Ham's Horn.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for cough, colds, N. W. Samuel, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

He who gives up the smallest part of a secret has the rest no longer in his power.—Richter.

THE LITTLE CYCLOPEDIA.

An average-sized pineapple yields nearly two pints of juice.

Weather forecasts have been published in London dailies since 1870.

Eighty thousand people live within the danger radius of Mount Vesuvius.

There were last year 17,500 immigrants into Canada from the United States, as against 12,000 from Britain.

The bulk of the money for building St. Paul's cathedral was from a duty then enforced on all coals brought to the port of London.

During the year 1901 the Russian minister of domains and agriculture sold only 40 per cent. of the quantity of forest trees authorized by law.

In London the wind is southwest for an average of 112 days in the year. It blows from the north for 16 days only, and from the south for 18.

The Canadian government has appropriated \$10,000 to build a barbed wire fence along the boundary between Montana and the Dominion from St. Mary's lake to the Sweet Grass hills.

SAVED THE BABY.

New Providence, Iowa, July 7th.—Little Helen Moon, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Moon, of this place, had a narrow escape from death.

Her mother noticed she seemed to be very clumsy and complained when she was rocked. Her limbs and face were bloated badly.

A doctor was summoned but she got no better. He said she had Kidney Trouble in the worst form.

Two other doctors were called in and they agreed that there was very little, if any, hope. She was bloated all over, her eyes being completely closed and her abdomen bloated until it was purple.

They bought six boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and she commenced to improve at once. She had used nine boxes before the Dropsy was all gone. The treatment was continued and now she is as well as ever.

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